

RAISE IS GRANTED IN FREIGHT RATES

5 PER CENT INCREASE—REGION,
PITTSBURG AND MISSISSIPPI,
ALLOWED IN PART.

DIVIDED OPINION IS RETURNED

No Advance Allowed in Greater Traffic-Producing Centers—Coal Rates Not to Advance—Two Members Dissent.

Washington.—In a divided opinion the Interstate Commerce Commission granted some of the 5 per cent freight rates increases asked by the Eastern railroads and denied others. Increases will apply in the territory north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers and from a vertical line drawn through Buffalo and Pittsburgh west as far as the Mississippi river. All class rates and many commodity rates are increased 5 per cent in that section.

No advances whatever were permitted east from Buffalo and Pittsburgh to the Atlantic seaboard. That section includes the greatest traffic-producing centers of the country.

Two Members Dissent.

Commissioners Daniels and McChord dissented from the majority opinion. Mr. Daniels held that 5 per cent increase should have been general—that the railroads were entitled to it to meet the high cost of living. Mr. McChord held that the reasons which the majority held to warrant an increase west of Pittsburgh applied equally to the territory east.

The majority, headed by Chairman Harlan, held that rates west of Pittsburgh were the lowest in the country, and warranted an increase. While it was held that the income of the Eastern railroads was smaller than demanded in public interest, no showing had been made warranting a general increase. The real relief, the commission held, for the New England roads and those in Central freight Association territory, was financial reorganization upon a sound basis.

Reforms Are Suggested.

It was held that, rather than raising freight rates, the railroads should discontinue costly free service to shippers, develop efficiency of personnel and equipment, stop giving free passes and possibly increase passenger fares to keep pace with the high-grade service the public demands.

Coal, which alone comprises more than one-half the total traffic of the railroads, will have no advance. Neither will coke, brick, tile, clay, starch, cement, iron ore and plaster. Neither will there be any increases on lake and rail rates.

Beckham Wins in Kentucky.
Louisville, Ky.—Former Governor J. C. W. Beckham, Democrat, former Governor A. S. Wilson, Republican, and Burton Vance of Louisville, Progressive, were nominated for the long term in the United States senate, according to virtually complete returns from the state primaries held by the three political parties.

Minimum Wage for Girls.
Olympia, Wash.—The minimum wage for girls more than 18 and of women employed in industrial occupations in the state of Washington will be \$3.90 a week, a ruling of the industrial welfare commission to that effect having gone into operation.

Villa Loses 200 Soldiers.
Chihuahua, Mex.—Advices received here by Gen. Villa announced that Gen. Murguia, with a party of 400 Constitutionalists, was attacked by a force of 1,000 federal irregulars. Murguia was forced to retreat, leaving 200 dead on the field.

Joplin Guilty of Murder.
Du Quoin, Ill.—After twelve hours' deliberation, a jury found Jesse Joplin guilty of the murder of Dr. D. Winton Dunn, former mayor of this city, and fixed the penalty at life imprisonment.

Famine Pressure Is Felt.
London.—The pressure of famine already is evident throughout all Europe. Prices of foodstuffs have soared beyond the purses of the poor. England alone has taken no steps to prohibit the exportation of food.

Lynch Law Claims Victim.
Burlington, Ok.—Crockett Williams, a negro, charged with the murder of Johnson King, an Indian, was taken from the jail here by a mob and lynched.

Germanies Flee from Paris.
Paris.—Germans are fleeing from Paris by hundreds. Reports from Rome that Germany had demanded that Russia and France declare their neutrality within twelve hours resulted in panic in the German colony.

Samoans Use the Wireless.
Washington.—Inhabitants of the Samoan Islands are now in direct communication with the outside world by means of the wireless. For years they had to be content with the news once a month by steamers.

Bank Bookkeeper Sentenced.
Purdell, Ok.—Irwin I. Wilfrey, bookkeeper for the Jefferson Trust Company here, charged with embezzling \$23,000 of the firm's money, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three years in prison.

Six Low Prisoners Break Jail.
Waukegan, Ill.—Holding seven other prisoners at bay with a revolver while they saved their way through the steel bars, six prisoners broke jail and escaped. Two of them were federal prisoners.

WAR NEWS BOOSTS WHEAT

GRAIN SOARS IN EVERY PIT IN THE UNITED STATES.

Pessimistic Dispatches With Regard to Possibility of General European Conflict Causes Raises.

Chicago, Ill.—Dollar wheat was reached and passed on the board of trade yesterday, when war talk ran wheat values to the highest pinnacle of the present crisis. December wheat was quoted at \$1 even a few minutes before noon, and May futures passed the dollar mark.

Following a mad whirl at the start that advanced prices 4 to 7 cents, the advance was checked for a few moments. Then, under frenzied trading, a steady advance toward the dollar mark began, and at noon the market showed gains of from 8 to 9 cents over the night's closing figures. At that hour July was bid at 96 cents, September at 93½ and December at 93½, with May about \$1.

Not since the Franco-Prussian war, 30 years ago, has the wheat pit been such a madhouse of excitement. As fresh dispatches were received on the floor telling of the crisis in Europe the uproar increased until the shouts of the brokers could be heard in the streets.

In spite of the fact that the panic spelled disaster for a number of smaller houses, the clearing house announced that every house had cleared. Some of the brokers, however, flatly refused to engage in any transactions declaring the risk to be too great.

Trading was more calm in the afternoon, and prices slumped somewhat, though the close found all wheat futures more than 6 cents above the figures of the day before. July closed at 94 cents, September at 94½, December at 97½ and May at \$1.02½.

AGREE ON HOME RULE BILL

European Crisis Believed to Have Played Great Part in Bringing Factions to Agreement.

London.—A syndicate news concern declares it has been reliably informed that an agreement has been reached on the amending home rule bill. No details of the agreement were mentioned.

The present international crisis is believed to have played a great part in bringing the government opposition and Nationalist and Unionist leaders to the point of an agreement. With the dispute between Austria and Serbia threatening to involve all Europe in war, there has been a demand from all sides that internal differences should be speedily adjusted.

STRIKE OF 18,000 AVERTED

Pennsylvania Miners and Coal Company Agree to Settle Difference by Arbitration.

Scranton, Pa.—The threatened strike of the 18,000 mine workers of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Coal company was officially averted when the general committee agreed to refer the demands to the district headquarters of the miners' union and district officials of the company, according to the terms of the anti-strike agreement.

After the strike was called off a sub-committee was appointed to draft grievances. Officials of the company notified the miners that they were ready to meet with the district union officers.

WOMAN RACES FOR CONGRESS

Kansas Politicians Say She Has a Chance to Win Because of the Things She Advocates.

Goodland, Kan.—Irrigation, better transportation, better schools and better laws for women are the four cardinal principles in the platform of the only woman candidate for congress in Kansas since the equal suffrage movement was adopted.

Mrs. Eva Morley Murphy of Goodland is the Progressive candidate for congress in her district, and politicians say she has a chance to win because of the things she stands for and because the present congressman has been afraid to take any definite stand on many propositions which have had popular approval.

8 CRIMINAL INSANE ESCAPE

Two Murderers Among Those Who Flee From Iowa, Mich., Asylum—Fire Escape Used.

Ionia, Mich.—Eight patients escaped from the state asylum for the criminal insane here while being transferred from their sleeping quarters to the day ward. They went down a fire escape.

Melvin Conklin, a murderer sent here from Jackson prison, and Walter Kuhlman, who shot two Detroit policemen, were among those who escaped.

Portugal to Aid England.
Lisbon, Portugal.—The newspapers of the Portuguese capital reminded the public that the treaty of alliance between Portugal and Great Britain requires Portugal to furnish 10,000 troops to England when she is at war.

Hubby Does Washing.
Pittsburgh.—Because he neglected to do the family washing, James Gonil was scolded by his wife. James upbraided her because he had no soap and she had left no money to buy it. Mrs. Gonil then had hubby arrested.

Bomb Explosion in Spain.
Madrid.—One hundred persons were reported dead in a bomb explosion at Tadelá, a town in the province of Navarra, according to a meager report received here. The dispatch gave no details of the explosion.

Suicides on Horse's Grave.
Perry, Ok.—Despondent because he was about to lose his team through the foreclosure of a mortgage, Gottlieb Wigner, 43, a farmer, shot and killed the horses and then committed suicide.

BECKY EDELSON



Becky Edelson, the I. W. W. agitator, was sentenced to serve three months in the workhouse for inciting a riot in New York. Preparations for forcible feeding were abandoned, when it was discovered that her hunger strike was a fake, and that she was receiving food in secret.

SENATOR GORE CAMES Foe

BLIND MAN ATTACKS FARMER ON STREETS.

Breaks Walking Stick Over Oklahoma Socialist's Head During Argument Over Politics.

Altus, Ok.—United States Senator Thomas P. Gore struck Thomas Moore, a farmer, on the head here, shattering his heavy walking stick. Gore attacked Moore in a political argument on the street soon after the two men had been introduced by Ellis Gore of Altus, a brother of the senator.

Ellis Gore was escorting Senator Gore, who is blind, and introducing him to citizens of Altus. Moore asked the senator about his speech in 1894, in which the senator accused the Democratic party with being without patriotism.

Senator Gore replied that he made the speech in behalf of the Populist party; that the Populists had fused with the Democrats in the St. Louis convention in 1896, and that he had during that year supported William Jennings Bryan, the fusion nominee, since which time he had been a consistent Democrat. Moore replied:

"Yes, just such a d—d man as you sold out the Democratic party."

Senator Gore swung his walking stick, which descended upon the farmer's head. Moore said:

"Look out, you know I can't fight a blind man."

Ellis Gore started to take off his coat and said:

"I'm not blind. If you want to make the matter personal, I'll fight."

A crowd gathered and separated them. Moore is a Socialist.

SPENCER DIES ON GALLOWS

Slayer of Mrs. Mildred Allison-Rexroat, Tango Teacher, Pronounced Dead in Two Minutes.

Wheaton, Ill.—Henry Spencer, murderer of Mrs. Mildred Allison-Rexroat, paid the death penalty on the gallows here. The trap was sprung at 10:22 and exactly two minutes later he was pronounced dead.

The "tango murderer" never lost his nerve. Running lightly up the steps leading to the gallows, he turned a smile on the crowd of 150 within the jail enclosure.

"There is one thing I know you are all interested in," he said, speaking slowly and with all the grace of a platform orator. "That is, my innocence or guilt. I want to tell you I am innocent."

TRAIN KILLS TWO AUTOISTS

Owner, Daughter, Niece and Demonstrator Dies When Car Is Torn Into Fragments.

Butler, Pa.—A Bessemer & Lake Erie train hit a large touring car near Renfrow and killed its four occupants, three instantly. The dead are: Vance McKee, 30 years old, Butler, driver; George S. Oliver, 50, Great Belt; Miss Viola Oliver, 25, Oliver's niece, Bakerstown, and Miss May Oliver, 17, daughter of Oliver.

Miss Viola Oliver was the only one living when the crew of the train returned to the scene of the accident. She died 40 minutes later.

Mrs. Wakefield Is Guilty.
New Haven, Conn.—Mrs. Bessie J. Wakefield was found guilty of murder in the second degree by a jury. This degree of murder carries a penalty of life imprisonment.

Gold Sent by Parcel Post.
Philadelphia.—Ten million dollars in gold coin was shipped from the mint in this city to the subtreasury at New York by parcel post. Heretofore shipments of gold from the mint have been made by express.

U. S. to Declare Neutrality.
Washington, D. C.—Secretary Bryan awaited additional developments in the on-again rumbling in European politics before announcing a proclamation declaring the neutrality of the United States.

Committee Will Hear T. R. Washington.—Theodore Roosevelt's request to be honored on the Colombian treaty will be granted whenever the senate foreign relations committee takes up the consideration of that treaty.

Bill Aimed at Strikebreakers.
Washington.—A bill to prohibit the importation of strikebreakers and transportation of arms and ammunition through interstate commerce to a strike zone was introduced by Representative Evans.

AGREE ON PEACE TERMS

CARRANZA AND CARBAJAL HAVE AGREED.

Definite Understanding Reached for Peaceful Transfer of Government to the Constitutionalists.

Washington, D. C.—Gen. Carranza and Provisional President Carbajal have agreed on a basis for the arrangement of peace in Mexico, according to a message received here by Josef Castellot, personal representative of Carbajal.

Castellot showed Secretary Bryan his latest advice from Mexico City which stated that Gen. Villar and Justice Alende, Carbajal's two delegates to Carranza, have been instructed to carry out in detail the general basis of peace "already agreed upon."

That was interpreted by Castellot to mean that through private channels and through Reginaldo Cepeda, advance delegate of the Carbajal government now with Gen. Carranza, a definite understanding has been reached for a peaceful transfer of the government at Mexico City to the constitutionalists.

With respect to amnesty and guarantees, Gen. Carranza, it is understood, will promise immunity to all except those directly responsible for the overthrow of Madero. Practically all those said to be guilty have fled Mexico, and that exception will not be opposed by the Carbajal government.

3 DUELS AWAITED IN PARIS

Husband of Mme. Caillaux Is Expected to Fight One of Proposed Dueling Council.

Paris, France.—With Mme. Henriette Caillaux acquitted of slaying Gaston Calmette, editor of the *Napoleon*, all Paris is awaiting word of the three duels that are believed certain to result from the trial.

Joseph Caillaux, husband of the acquitted woman, is expected to figure in two clashes. His first probably will be with Maître Chenu, counsel for the Calmette heirs. Chenu and Caillaux engaged in a bitter clash at the trial that ended, it was believed, with the understanding that they would settle it with a duel when the trial was over.

Henry Bernstein, author and dramatist, is expected to send a challenge to Caillaux at once.

STRIPS FLYER FOR REPAIRS

Aviator Curtiss Says It Will Take at Least Two Weeks to Put in a New Hull.

Hammondsport, N. Y.—Stripped of her wings, her rudder, tail and engines, the transatlantic flyer America's naked hull is lying on the floor of the big main shop of the Curtiss plant, with Curtiss and his staff of mechanics busily engaged in dismembering her still further.

Curtiss said he would not attempt to put the America back in the water again for at least two weeks, and when she does go it will be practically a new hull.

MARSHALL'S BODY IS FOUND

Fisherman in Motor Boat Picks Up Remains of Missing New York Lawyer Off Belford, N. J.

New York.—A body believed to be that of Elliott Marshall, who disappeared from his office last Thursday, was found at sea off Belford, N. J., by a fisherman in a motor boat.

On the shirt was stitched the initials "E. M." and the same initials were on a pair of gold cuff buttons. Walter Hampton, chairman of the committee which has been searching for Marshall, departed for Belford to attempt to identify the body.

PASTOR TO SEEK NEW TRIAL

Rev. Lawrence Flannery of West Plains, Mo., Found Guilty of Killing McConnell During Fight.

West Plains, Mo.—Two years in the penitentiary was the sentence imposed upon Rev. Lawrence Flannery, a Methodist minister, in the Howell county circuit court, for the killing of Olin T. McConnell, a linotype operator, in this city June 4.

Attorneys for Flannery have filed a motion for a new trial and if this is not granted an appeal will be taken to the supreme court.

Parking Rule Displeases Marshall.
Washington.—Vice President Marshall is protesting to city authorities against new traffic rules which prevent him parking his automobile near his hotel longer than 15 minutes.

Women Will Be Bald.
Berlin.—Women of the future will be bald and will wear long whiskers, was the prediction of a German scientist.

Jupiter Has New Satellite.
San Jose, Cal.—Photographs taken with the Cassini reflector at the Lick observatory on several nights from July 21 to July 29 give strongest indications of the existence of a satellite of Jupiter, hitherto unrecognized.

Gas Official Opposes Road Bill.
Washington, D. C.—President Mackey of the Kansas Natural Gas Co. appeared before the house committee opposing the Road bill to make oil and gas pipe lines common carriers.

Kills Brother and Himself.
Jackson, Miss.—Thomas E. Taylor, an undertaker, was shot and killed on a street here by his brother, Robert, a business rival, who then killed himself. A business quarrel of long standing caused the tragedy.

Keeper Liberates Larcenist.
New York.—"Kid" Noonan, charged with larceny, was sent to a Tombs keeper to be placed in a cell. Mistaking Noonan for an intoxicated visitor, the keeper led Noonan to the street and kicked him out.

Literally So.
"Yesterday I received an unspeakable insult."

"What was it?"
"A deaf and dumb man spelled on his fingers to me that I was a liar."

MAP OF AUSTRIA-SERBIA FRONTIER.



GERMANS TAKE ONE FORTIFIED FRENCH TOWN IN INVASION

London, Eng.—The Daily Chronicle publishes a rumor that Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria has been assassinated. This has not been confirmed.

Brussels.—Reports have been received here that the Germans have captured the French fortified town of Longwy, the junction point connecting Luxembourg and Paris by rail.

Liege, Belgium.—Newspapers here report that 20,000 German troops crossed the French frontier in the forenoon near Nancy, and were repulsed with heavy losses. The strategic line from Malmédy to Liege is guarded on both the Belgian and German sides. A force of 20,000 Belgians is engaged in digging trenches.

FOUR OF LEADING EUROPEAN POWERS ENGAGED IN WAR.

London, Eng.—Four great powers of Europe, Austria-Hungary, Russia, France and Germany, are now engaged in actual warfare, but two of them, Germany and France, not only have not declared war against each other, as far as is known here, but have not even severed diplomatic relations. This is despite the fact that Germany's ultimatum to France has neither been ignored nor rejected.

The explanation of this would appear to be that Germany and France are each seeking to throw upon the other the onus of beginning the war. In fact, while the nations of Europe are flying at each other's throats, they are vying with each other in protesting their desire to maintain peace and repudiate the responsibility for plunging the whole continent into bloodshed.

Germany Violated Treaty.
In this curious situation France, according to British opinion, has the strongest justification. She certainly was the last to mobilize and seems to have taken the greatest precautions to avoid frontier collisions. On the other hand, Germany, in addition to invading French territory without making a formal declaration of war, has violated the neutrality of Luxembourg and declines to give any undertaking to respect Belgium neutrality.

FRENCH AEROPLANE RAMS DIRIGIBLE IN FATAL DUEL.

London, Eng.—One of the first engagements of the great European war was fought in the air, according to a report received here.

The report says that German and French air craft have been flying over the frontier since Saturday morning. The Germans are using the big Zeppelin type dirigibles, while aeroplanes are employed by the French flyers. One of the latter, said to have been Roland Garros, sighted a German dirigible on the French side of the border line. The French pilot drove his machine straight at the gas bag.

The dirigible was wrecked, and all on board, as well as the Frenchman, were dashed to death. It is believed that the French flyer deliberately sacrificed himself to deal destruction to the Germans.

BATTLE FLEETS MASSING ALONG COAST OF CHINA.

Tokio.—The western shores of the Pacific show active preparations for war. The British Asiatic fleet is concentrating at Hong Kong and the German warships in Asiatic waters are making their way to Tsingtau. The warships of Japan are making every preparation for possible eventualities and are ready to sail at a moment's notice. The Japanese dreadnaught *Hiyami* had a successful trial trip here.

Sun Causes Brilliant Effect.
The brilliant colors of the clouds, often long after the sun has set, are, of course, due to the fact that the sun is still shining on them and they are reflecting a certain part of his light through the darkening air to the earth.

Must Be a Peep.
Jinks—What sort of a chap is Johnson?
Binks—Well, if you ever see two women in a corner, and one looks bored to death, the other is Johnson—Peep.

EVENTS IN EUROPEAN WAR.

Emperor Francis Joseph is reported to have been assassinated.

Great Britain's Premier announced her course in Parliament today.

German forces invade France and are reported to have been beaten in first engagement.

Czar also carries the war into Germany by crossing frontier and moving toward Posen.

France notifies Kaiser she'll fight for Luxembourg.

Naval battle between French and German fleets reported to be on in North Sea.

Zeppelin balloon wrecked when French monoplane driver sends his craft heading into it; twenty-six killed in first aerial battle.

British Asiatic fleet being concentrated at Hong Kong and German battle craft are heading for Tsingtau.

British naval reserves are called out; Territorials also ordered to make ready.

United States prepares proclamation of neutrality.

Hundred million dollars in emergency currency sent from Washington to relief of New York banks; Chicago banks issue clearing-house certificates today.

Germany and Great Britain notify reservists in United States to join colors.

Washington orders envoys abroad to supply American tourists with funds if necessary; ships may go for them.

AMERICANS IN PARIS WILL AID ALL NEEDY TOURISTS.

Paris.—From all parts of France news was received in the capital that the order for mobilization had been received with feelings of great relief. It put an end to the strain and the uncertainty of the last few days.

There were manifestations in almost all of the provincial towns and cities. The people took part in torchlight processions and the crowds joined in singing "Le Départ de l'Armée."

There has been formed in Paris a committee of influential Americans who either reside in France, or who are temporarily in the country, the purpose of which is to take every possible care of their countrymen who find themselves in France at the present time and are in need of assistance.

Americans Will Be Aided.
Ambassador Herick is taking an active part in this work and the first meeting of the committee was held at his residence.

Every American who needs advice or aid will be accommodated, and it is probable that those travelers who are cut off from home supplies will be helped in cashing their checks. Mr. Herick has arranged that his residence be placed at the disposal of Americans in Paris.

Volunteers are helping the overworked embassy and consular staffs in their endeavors to confer with Americans.

INVASION OF FRANCE HAS BEGUN AT VARIOUS POINTS.

London, Eng.—The German invasion of France has begun, according to authentic information received in London, without, so far as known, a declaration of war having been made.

Two German forces are now converging from the East in the direction of the French capital.

German troops have crossed the French frontier at a point near the village of Clery, between Nancy and Strasbourg, and the German soldiers who Saturday invaded the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, neutral territory between Belgium and Germany, are reported as marching on the French fortified town of Longwy.

The German force which came into France near Clery, which is forty miles from Nancy, is reported to have been repulsed with heavy losses; but this has not yet been confirmed.

Germany Rushes Operations.
Apparently, the German army is duplicating the first movement of the Franco-Prussian war. On August 2, 1870, forty-four years ago yesterday, the French and Germans clashed in the first battle of that war at Saarbrücken, where the Prince Imperial, under the orders of the Emperor, received his famous "baptism of fire."

It appears that Germany is taking the fullest possible advantage of her supposed superiority in rapid mobilization over France. The plan of the German Emperor, according to military observers here, is to vanquish, or attempt to vanquish, France in the interval before Russia will be able to create serious trouble on the northern frontier. It is supposed that Russian mobilization will take about three weeks.

GERMANS SEIZE STEAMER; ENGLAND MOBILIZES FLEET.
London, Eng.—According to a dispatch from King's Lynn, a seaport in Norfolk, England, the British steamer *Saxon*, which left King's Lynn last Thursday with a cargo of coal for Brunsbuttel, Prussia, has been seized by the German Navy and taken to Cuxhaven.

Germany, having invaded France, it is felt in London that the time for action on the part of England has arrived.

There is reason to believe that at the cabinet meeting preparations were completed for such instant action as the circumstances may demand.

It is reported that England is mobilizing forces along the North Sea.

King George held a privy council and is believed to have signed a proclamation authorizing the suspension of specie payments.

Before the cabinet meeting Price Charles Max Lichnowsky, the German ambassador, visited Premier Asquith and afterwards went to the foreign office to see Sir Edward Grey, the foreign minister.

Germany declares she is unable to answer the question put by the British ambassador at Berlin as to whether she is prepared to respect the neutrality of Belgium.

This statement appears in a communication just issued by the French Embassy.

From Portsmouth and Gibraltar came news of increasing British precautions.

All steamship communication through Portsmouth Harbor has been forbidden and at Gibraltar there has been issued a proclamation regarding the preliminary precautions to be taken for the defense of the bay.

German shipping at Gibraltar and other points in the vicinity is proceeding to Spanish ports.

The news of the German invasion of Luxembourg, in disregard of the neutrality regulations, was the first information to disillusion those who still hoped something might turn up to avert a general catastrophe.

Like a Centaur.
"By Jove, old man, you sat your horse like a Centaur." "Thanks. Glad to hear it. I was afraid I didn't ride very well." "Oh, you didn't. You were right upon the animal's neck all the time."